Desiltation of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam

1656. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the storage capacity of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam in Karnataka has been reduced;

(b) whether it is also a fact that so far no desiltation work has been taken up;

(c) if so, the assistance/steps Government propose to take for desiltation; and

(d) whether the Central Government will provide special financial package for desiltation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) As per the capacity survey of reservoir of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam carried out in the year 1990, the gross storage capacity has reduced by about 2.13% during the period 1932-1990.

(b) and (c) Desiltation of reservoirs has not been found to be techno-economically viable. However, rate of siltation of reservoirs can be reduced by taking preventive measures like afforestation, catchment area treatment etc.

(d) Central Government does not provide special financial package for desiltation of reservoirs.

World Bank Aided programmes in Andhra Pradesh

1659. SHRI RUMANDALA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank funded programme on modernization of hydrological data collection and updating the accuracy of flood forecasting, launched in 1996 and scheduled for completion by March, 2001 has been extended by one more year;

(b) if so, the number of World Bank funded programmes operating in the Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the progress of each programme;

(d) the amount utilised so far by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) by when these programmes are likely to be completed?